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**REP. JANET CRUZ REACTS TO FEDERAL RULING ON FAIR  
DISTRICTS**

**TAMPA, Fla.** --- A federal judge today upheld Florida's new "Fair Districts" redistricting law, protecting a constitutional amendment that is designed to fight gerrymandering in the state.

Representative Janet Cruz (D-Tampa) is an intervener in the case. She issued the following statement:

"As an intervener in the case decided today, I am extremely pleased by the ruling to uphold the public's will to have Florida's political districts drawn in a fair manner. The Fair Districts amendments were approved overwhelmingly by Floridians who were clear in their demand that there be an end to the practice of gerrymandering.

"The people expect the state Legislature to redraw district lines so they are geographically logical and compact. Today's ruling should bring an end to wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars on frivolous legal attempts that thwart the public will."

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